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BALA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1960



Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for the year ending 31st. December 1960.

Once again the general health of the population remained good, but again there was a small increase in the population, i.e., of 30, and it is to be hoped that major construction works projected in the vicinity and other industries will be introduced to continue this trend.

In this connection it will be noted that the total number of live births increased by four, but the number of deaths increased by six.

The number of deaths from cancer decreased from five to three, and once again there were no deaths from Tuberculosis. There was a carry over of the previous year's epidemics of measles, and once again there were no new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

No cases of food poisoning were notified.

I wish to thank Mr. Griffiths and the Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS,

District Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in acres	-	659
Rateable Value at 1/4/61	-	£16,195
Population(Registrar General's figure)	-	1,580
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1960/61		£63. 8.11
Number of inhabited houses(according to the Rate Books) at the end of year	-	527



VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors

Births - 1.08
Deaths - 0.88

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	11	13
Legitimate	11	13
Illegitimate	-	-

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 Population - 11.89

1959 figures - 12.90

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil

STILL BIRTHS RATE PER 1,000 Population - Nil

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still) - 24
Live - 24
Still - Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

Infant Mortality(Rate per 1,000 Live Births) - Nil 1959 figures - Nil

Deaths of Legitimate Infants

Mortality(per 1,000 Legitimate live Births) - Nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants

Mortality(per 1,000 illegitimate live Births - Nil

DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) - Nil

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) Total - Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 and still births)

(Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy 1960 figure) - Nil

DEATHS

Total Number - 27		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Total Number	12	15
Rate per 1,000 population	-	17.08	
1959 figures	-	13.54	

DEATHS FROM CANCER

	Total Number - 3	1	2
Rate per 1,000 population	-	1.89	
1959 figures	-	3.22	

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

	Total Number - Nil	
Rate per 1,000 population	- Nil	
1959 figure	- Nil	

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Public Health Inspector.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Water Analysis (Chemical) carried out by Mr. Harold Lowe, Public Analyst,
Chester.

Water Analysis (Bacteriological) and milk examination for
cleanliness and keeping quality by the Public Health Laboratory
Conway and Aberystwyth.

3. Ambulance Facilities

One ambulance stationed in Bala.

4. Infant Welfare Clinics

Held every fortnight at Hafan Bala.

5. Ante Natal Clinics

Held at Hafan, Bala once a month.

6. Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Plasyndre, Bala once a month.

7. Tuberculosis Clinic

Held at Plasyndre Bala every fortnight.

8. Diphtheria Immunisation

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.
Immunisation of babies and young infants is carried out at
regular intervals at the Primary School.

9. Hospitals - There is no hospital within the Urban area.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious Diseases(other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year			-	28
Scarlet Fever	-	Nil		
Bacillary Dysentery	-	Nil		
Whooping Cough	-	3		
Measles	-	25		
Infantile Paralysis	-	Nil		

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary	Total	-	1	
	Males	-	1	Females - Nil
Non-Pulmonary	Total	-	Nil	
	Males	-	Nil	Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary	Total	-	Nil	
	Males	-	Nil	Females - Nil
Non-Pulmonary	Total	-	1	
	Males	-	1	Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1960 in age groups

New Cases

Deaths

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1.								
2								
5								
10								
15			1					
20	1							
25								
35								
45								
55								
65								
75								
TOTAL	1		1					

CAUSES OF DEATH 1960

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	-	1
" Lungs	-	-
" Breast	-	-
" Other Sites	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	6
Coronary diseases, angina	2	-
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	3	5
Other circulatory disease	1	-
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	-	-
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Total	12	15

No. of prosecutions - Nil

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT SECTION 47

No action taken during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE. Supervision of food handlers and food premises was carried out.

No. of Prosecutions - Nil.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960

1. DRAINAGE. Action under Section 44 of the Public Health Act 1936 was taken with regard to those dwelling houses in the district not having the exclusive use of a sanitary convenience. As a result seven new water closets were erected, and only one instance remains of two dwelling houses sharing the same convenience.
Some trouble was experienced with the septic tanks at Brynygroes and Loch Cafe.
2. WATER SUPPLY. Two water samples taken for bacteriological examination were placed in Class 1 - satisfactory. Only one house in the district obtains water by means of a stand-pipe.
It was found necessary to use the provisions of Section 138 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to secure an adequate supply of wholesome water to one dwelling house.
3. CLEAN AIR. It was not necessary to enforce any of the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956. The Council were represented at a meeting convened by the Association of Public Health Inspectors at Wrexham.
4. PUBLIC CLEANSING. A special effort was made to secure the provision of proper covered dustbins for the reception of house refuse. Some improvement was effected, but the general position is still not satisfactory.
5. NUISANCES. The Council continued to use the nuisance provisions of the Public Health Act to secure essential repairs where informal approached had not been successful. It has not been found necessary to use the Noise Abatement Act 1960.
6. CARAVAN SITES ACT 1960. Two persons were prosecuted and convicted for contravening Section 1 of this Act.
7. FACTORIES. The required number of conveniences were provided for the new factory established at Plasey by the North Wales Agricultural Engineers Ltd. The Register was amended with respect to the change of occupation at the Bala Press. Certain preliminary enquiries regarding the establishment of a pottery proved abortive. The functions of the Council with regard to "Means of Escape in Case of Fire" have been transferred to the County Council, as Fire Authority.
8. RODENT CONTROL. Treatments are carried out by a part-time operator as and when required. Particular attention is paid to the refuse tip. It was resolved to treat Penybont Farn free of charge because it is in close proximity to the tip.
9. HOUSING. Two Closing Orders were made, and four undertakings accepted under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957. One scheme of improvement was completed during the year. No new houses were built. The Council were represented at a meeting held at Rhyl to publicize the New Grants for Better Homes. The Principal Housing Officer of the Ministry (Miss Williams) addressed the meeting.
10. RENT ACT 1957 Three applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received. The Council approved two in respect of some and the other in respect of all defects. Two certificates were issued. In the third case the landlord gave an undertaking under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule.
11. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS. The following animals were slaughtered:-

Cattle (excluding cows)	-	214
Cows	-	2
Calves	-	2
Sheep or Lambs	-	2,683
Pigs	-	238

Two whole sheep carcasses were condemned for acute, septic pneumonia and imperfect bleeding. Parts were condemned for pyelo-nephritis, ascites, hepatitis etc. There were no condemnations for tuberculosis or cysticerci.

The Slaughterhouse Report was approved by the Ministry.

12. UNSOUND FOOD. Voluntary surrender of canned goods etc. continues and the unsound food is disposed of by burying at the refuse tip.

13. MILK AND DAIRIES. Two dealer's licences and one supplementary licence to sell raw milk, and two licences to sell pasteurized milk (one in respect of a vending machine) were issued. Another producer/retailer has a restricted sale in the district.

As a result of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960, the licensing of dealers was transferred to the County Council, as Food and Drugs Authority, before the end of the year.

14. ICE CREAM. No new registrations were effected during the year and no samples taken. Only one establishment produces ice-cream by the complete cold mix method.

15. FOOD HYGIENE. Further routine work under this heading was carried out and steps taken to secure certain facilities in two cases. There were no prosecutions.

16. PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS. There are no public swimming baths in the district.

SUMMARY AND CLASSIFICATION OF VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

1. Drainage and Sewerage	274
2. Water Supply	23
3. Public Cleansing	250
4. Nuisances	97
5. Movable Dwellings	29
6. Factories	43
7. Shops	49
8. Rodent Control	25

HOUSING ACTS

1. General	164
2. Rent Control	15

FOOD & DRUGS

1. Meat Inspection	156
2. Unsound Food	26
3. Milk and Dairies	8
4. Preparation, storage and sale of food	65

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Miscellaneous	23
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NOTICES

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Preliminary notices	21	16
Statutory notices	24	23

